

HONORING STEVEN M. WOODSIDE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today, with my colleague, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, to recognize Steven M. Woodside who is retiring after 11 years as Sonoma County Counsel.

The 43-person County Counsel office, provides legal services to county departments, more than 25 special districts, as well as to the Board of Supervisors, the Grand Jury, Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART), Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA), Sonoma County Retirement Association (SCERA), Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA).

County Counsel attorneys regularly appear in court on behalf of County departments on such matters as juvenile dependency cases, code enforcement actions, bail recovery, and mental health competency hearings.

During his tenure, Mr. Woodside reduced his department's operating costs and dependency on county general funds and organized the office into four practice teams, Land Use, Health and Human Services, Litigation and Justice, and Infrastructure. He encouraged his staff to become involved in state-wide issues and many of his team are now recognized leaders and experts in child dependency issues, land use and energy independence programs, endangered species and natural resource protection.

Mr. Woodside has served as a member and Chair of the Statewide County Litigation Coordination Committee from 1992 through the present and in this capacity, helped coordinate the participation of California's 58 counties in litigation of statewide significance. As Chair of the State Assessed Property Tax Committee of the California Association of Counties, he was the chief negotiator on a successful billion dollar property tax settlement action.

His other professional affiliations include serving as President and member of the Board of Directors of the County Counsels' Association of California and Adjunct Professor of Law and member of the Board of Visitors at Santa Clara University School of Law.

Mr. Woodside has a dual Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California, Davis and Santa Cruz and a Juris Doctor from University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Hoak Hall). Upon graduation from law school, he joined the Santa Clara County Counsel's office and eventually was named head of the department.

Madam Speaker, Steven Woodside has spent most of his career in public service to the people of the State of California. It is therefore appropriate that we recognize and honor him today and wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, my vote on rollcall No. 607 on December 2, 2010 was not recorded. My intention was to vote "aye" on this measure.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. SHARLENE BROWN**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Sharlene Brown.

Ms. Brown has over eight years of professional experience in leadership, strategic planning, budgeting, marketing, and fundraising. She also has a strong academic record. Ms. Brown received a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management, with distinction, and a Masters in Organizational Leadership from Nyack College; she is a graduate of the YMCA of Greater New York's Executive Leadership Institute and is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Management at the University of Phoenix.

As a leader, Ms. Brown constantly seeks innovative ways of promoting dynamic working environments, high quality service and organizational growth. Ms. Brown's accolades serve as a testament to her abilities. She holds several awards in Superior Performance from the YMCA of Greater New York, for her work at the Bedford-Stuyvesant YMCA, is a recipient of the Black Achievers in Industry Award 2010 and received a Proclamation from myself, congratulating her in honor of Women's History Month.

Ms. Brown demonstrates strong commitment to her community in addition to her leadership and academic success. She served as Advisor to the Ella McQueen Detention Center, Director of Rush Temple African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church's Young Adult Christian Ministry; and is now the Executive Director of the Bronx YMCA. In her current position as Executive Director, she is developing and implementing employee guidance initiatives to enhance people's skills for the achievement of organizational goals.

Among all of her success, let it not be forgotten that Ms. Brown is the proud mother of Donald Broughton, Jr. and is excited to be a 2010 Honoree of the Concerned Women of Brooklyn, Inc.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Sharlene Brown.

LE VAN BA**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate

the life of Le Van Ba who passed away on Saturday, November 23rd, 2010.

Mr. Le and his family left Vietnam and came to the United States in 1979, and he risked everything for a chance to live freely and provide better opportunities for his family.

In 1981, Mr. Le and his family bought their first catering truck and began serving sandwiches in the community.

In 1983, Mr. Le founded Lee's Sandwiches and today, Lee's Sandwiches is among the top 50 largest bakeries in the U.S., employing thousands of workers in northern and southern California and across the country.

He was a community leader of his Hoa Hao Buddhist church and the An Giang Association of Northern California.

He and his family have given back to the community, assisted victims of 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, the floods in Vietnam, the South Asia tsunami and other local charities.

Throughout Orange County, he made it a point to donate food and sponsor community and nonprofit events annually.

Today, I commend this man and urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Le's extraordinary lifetime achievements.

I want to offer my sincere sympathy to his wife, Nguyen Thi Hanh, his family, friends, and loved ones.

WILL THE WEST GIVE UP CYPRUS TO PLACATE AN IRRITABLE TURKEY?**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I would like to commend to my colleagues an article written by Ted Galen Carpenter, vice president for defense and foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute, in the Washington Times on November 19, 2010. Mr. Carpenter has written an excellent article, warning of the danger in recent rumblings led by former British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw that Cyprus should be divided into two nations. The territorial integrity of Cyprus must never be sacrificed for the sake of healing relations with Turkey—a move that would only reinforce the Turkish governments disregard for international standards.

[From the Washington Times, Nov. 19, 2010]

CARPENTER: SACRIFICING AN ISLAND

(By Ted Galen Carpenter)

It's no secret that relations between Turkey and its Western allies have become quite testy over the past year or so regarding an assortment of issues, including policy toward Iran and the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. Western leaders are understandably eager to heal the breach with Ankara because Turkey is a significant regional power. Unfortunately, it seems increasingly likely that the small nation of Cyprus will end up being a sacrificial pawn in that effort.

The latest indicator is an article by former British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw arguing that it is time for Britain and other governments to consider the formal partition of Cyprus, if the latest round of U.N.-brokered talks do not achieve a breakthrough. The northern portion of Cyprus has been occupied by Turkish troops ever since the 1974 invasion of that country. Following the invasion, Ankara set up a puppet government (which is recognized only by Turkey) in the